

PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

week 40 No. 2012-11 Friday, September 28, 2012 at 3:00 pm

[read by: Kendall Henry]

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30^{TH} – OCTOBER 6^{TH} ALL AREAS ARE CLOSED EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay):

Open to skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, Monday October 1st through Friday October 5th.

All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Areas 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts):

Open to reef nets from 5 AM to 9 PM daily through Saturday November 10th. Must release all chum, sockeye, wild coho, and wild Chinook through Sunday, September 30th. Beginning October 1 may retain chum and all coho, must release all Chinook and sockeye.

Area 7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

Open continuously through 12 midnight Saturday October 27th.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Open 7 AM to 7 PM daily through Saturday October 13th.

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) will be open west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point to:

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum mesh size:

6 PM Sunday, September 30th to 8 AM Monday, October 1st

6 PM Monday, October 1st to 8 AM Thursday, October 4th

6 PM Thursday, October 4th to 8 AM Friday, October 5th

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday October 1st from 7AM to 7PM
Purse seines must release all Chinook.

Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay):

Open to skiff gillnets, with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 27. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay):

Open to skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh from 8 AM Tuesday, October 2nd to 8 AM Thursday, October 4th. Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay):

Open to beach seines from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh, from Monday, October 1st to Friday, October 5th. Only coho salmon may be retained.

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Kendall Henry, the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, at 360-902-2717.

Thank you for calling the commercial fisheries hotline.